IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Gary L. Graunke

Serial No.: 10/782,572

Filed: February 18, 2004

For: AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR

DISTRIBUTING PRIVATE KEYS TO AN ENTITY WITH MINIMAL SECRET,

UNIQUE INFORMATION

Examiner: Paul E. Callahan

Art Group: 2437

Conf. No.: 4741

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P. O. 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 10.